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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba prior to calling the meeting to order, set a moment of silence of remembrance in memory of Commissioner Janet E. Mummey, Esq., who passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Services for Commissioner Mummey was set at Saint Monica's Parish in Santa Monica, September 15, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg will represent the Commission at her service.

A card was circulated for the family of Commissioner Mummey. In addition, the Commission will also be sending a check in the amount of \$300 to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Santa Monica Bay Area Branch in Memoriam of Commissioner Janet E. Mummey.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Reiko Duba  
Vice President, Bobbi Jean Tanberg  
Treasurer, Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Commissioner Ruth Jernigan  
Commissioner Charlotte Lesser  
Commissioner Julie McCarthy-Napoleon  
Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

Introduction of audience followed.

President Duba introduced newly appointed Commissioner from the 3rd Supervisorial District, Julie McCarthy-Napoleon.

**MEMBERS**

**Reiko Duba**  
*President*

**Bobbi Jean Tanberg**  
*Vice President*

**Yolanda Becerra-Jones**  
*Treasurer*

Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Norma L. Gallegos  
Wadie M. Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Charlotte Lesser  
Julie McCarthy Napoleon  
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.  
Michelle Pinedo  
Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2009**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, unanimously carried, the minutes of August 10, 2009 were approved.

(Commissioners Michelle Pinedo and Norma L. Gallegos joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.)

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Duba reported the following:

- August 10 – The Women's Commission Annual Retreat that took place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels was a great success.
- August 13 – Attended Supervisor Antonovich's birthday barbecue and met newly appointed 5th District Commissioner, Jill Tanner. She will hopefully attend the October meeting.
- August 14 – Attended Commission for Women's Health Committee Teleconference meeting.
- August 22 – Attended Jet-to-Jetty Run/Walk held at Dockweiler Beach with Committee members and staff to observe logistics and distributed flyers to all runners.
- September 9 – The Women of the Year Teleconference meeting was held and events committee finalized several issues.
- September 13 – Attended the Run/Walk training at Griffith Park coached by David Lavine.

President Duba reviewed the representing Districts that are due for a District Community meeting. She encouraged those Districts to assess their calendars and submit to the Commission a tentative dates and location "Older Women's Issues" outreach. The outreach times are preferred to be the second Monday evening of the month which would replace the general Commission meeting.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Service Staff, reported the following:

- A "Save the Date Flyer" for the Commission on Disabilities Luncheon to be held, October 19, 2009 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens.

- An information email memo submitted by the Department of Public Health was distributed to inform everyone “Don’t Feed the Wild Animals”. Do to the increased wild fires there are a number of wild animals that were displaced. Citizens were cautioned about feeding displaced animals.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Becerra-Jones reported the following on the expendable allowance for the month of August 2009. The beginning balance was \$18,386.58; flex spending expenditures were \$1,770.00 and August Spending balance is \$3,064.42. Report filed with Commission Services.

### **APPROVAL OF OLDER WOMEN’S ISSUES AS THE CENTRAL THEME FOR 2009-2010**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved “Older Women’s Issues” as the central theme for 2009-2010.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUPPORT AN OLDER WOMEN’S ISSUES CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MAY 2010**

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to support an “Older Women’s Issues” Conference to be held in May 2010.

### **PRESENTATION ON 2-1-1 LA COUNTY – MARY SANDERS, COMMUNITY LIAISON**

Mary Sanders, Community Liaison, gave a brief overview of the 2-1-1- LA County Information Line. The 211 provides an easy-to-use, caring, professional source of guidance, advocacy, and 24/7 access to a comprehensive range of human services for the people of Los Angeles County.

The 211 information line is a private, not-for-profit organization formerly known as “INFO LINE” of Los Angeles. It is the largest information and referral service in the nation, helping 450,000 individuals and families in Los Angeles County each year. Professional community resource advisors help callers with critical issues like health care and substance abuse, domestic violence, shelters, food, legal and financial assistance, children and senior programs and mental health services.

Since 1981, 211 information line has provided free, confidential services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services are provided in English, Spanish, and over 140 other languages via a tele-interpreting service.

In addition, services are also provided for the hearing impaired. President Duba thanked Mary Sanders for her informative presentation.

**PRESENTATION ON COUNTY SERVICES – JUDY HAMMOND, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Rescheduled at a later date.

**INSTALLATION OF TREASURER POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services Staff, as Deputy for the Board of Supervisors, installed Commissioner Yolanda Becerra-Jones to the position of Treasurer for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$1000 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S CJI DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to donate \$1000 to the “District Attorney’s CJI Domestic Violence Symposium” on November 4, 2009.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO TICKETS TO THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY (CPAF) 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 AT THE ADOBE GILMORE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase two tickets to the center for “Pacific Asian Family (CPAF)” 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on Friday, September 25, 2009 not to exceed the amount of \$200.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$900 THE FAITH AND HOPE: BEYOND PRISON WALLS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT ART FAIR AND EXHIBIT ON SARTUDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009**

On motion of Commissioner Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to donate \$900 to the “Faith and Hope Beyond Prison Walls” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Art Fair and Exhibit.

After discussion, on recommendation of Commissioner Pinedo and on motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, the \$900 donation to the Faith and Hope: Beyond Prison Walls 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Art Fair and Exhibit was amended to allocate \$450 towards postage and \$450 for the Partnership for Reentry Program (PREP).

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$460 FOR THE BETTY FISHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION/PREVENTION AWARD CEREMONY HOSTED BY THE LA COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 20, 2009**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to donate \$460 for the "Betty Fisher Domestic Violence Intervention/Prevention" award ceremony hosted by the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council.

**UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK AND 10K RUN**

Commissioner Lesser reported the following:

- Attended the Jet-to-Jetty Run/Walk held at Dockweiler Beach with Committee members and staff to observe logistics to be utilized at the upcoming Run for Health, October 31, 2009. Flyers of the Run for Health were handed out to all the runners at the event. Club members will receive a \$5 discount. Registrations are in Active.com.
- Free run/walk training is being offered at Griffith Park every Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- A \$500 sponsorship was received from Chevron. The 5k Run/Walk and 10k Run Committee meeting is scheduled for today following the Commission meeting.
- The 5k Run/Walk and 10k Run will be announced in the Los Angeles County Digest and County paycheck stubs.

**REPORT ON AUGUST 10, 2009 RETREAT**

President Duba reported the Women's Commission Annual Retreat took place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles was a great success. The goals for 2009-2010 were discussed and new Commissioners were welcome. President Duba thanked Commissioners for their participation and staff for organizing the event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Communications** – Vice President Tanberg will be contacting member to schedule a meeting.
- **Legislation** – Commissioner Pinedo reported the committee is scheduled to meet today. She will provide a complete report at the next Commission meeting.

- **Awards Luncheon Committee** – Commissioner Ward reported the Committee met via teleconference September 9. The Women of The Year Awards Luncheon will take place at the Biltmore Hotel on March 8, 2010. Commissioner Ward mentioned that assistance is needed from Commissioners to research past awardees address information. Nomination packets were handed out to committee members for review and will be presented for discussion at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Ward Further stated the next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the meeting.
- **Domestic Violence** – Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported the Committee is scheduled to meet September 25 to discuss some of the issues the shelters have experienced with the 20% reduction in their funding. In addition, the following presenters coordinated by Commissioner Becerra-Jones will be in attendance: Lilian Bando, District Chief, Department of Mental Health and Katrin Vartan, Mental Health Analyst, Department of Mental Health.
- **Education** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that she's still working on finalizing the Scholarship Survey.
- **Older Women's Issues Committee** – Pat Wilson reported that a teleconference meeting is scheduled for September 29.
- **Health** – Commissioner Lesser reported that a teleconference meeting is Scheduled for October 19.
- **Other** – None reported.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Creary introduced Jenny Joon who is visiting from Korea. Ms. Joon is working closely with California schools to bring Korean nurses to the United States.

On August 21, 2009, Commissioner Lesser attended a seminar on Preventing Gun Violence.

On September 9, 2009, Commissioner Jernigan attended the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA) Awards Luncheon.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- On August 16, 2009 attended the Regalettes' 51<sup>st</sup> scholarship Fundraiser at the Rose Garden-Exposition Park in Los Angeles.

- On August 18, 2009 attended the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. The Supervisors finalized vote on opening Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Hospital.
- On September 10, 2009 attended the RNL Bio/RNL Life Science Health Presentation on stem cell research in support of USA approval in the future. The event took place at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)**

Commissioner Creary requested staff to include the Lifetime Emeritus Position Policy to next month's meeting agenda.

Commissioner Creary requested staff to invite Claudia Keller from the American Heart Association to give a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS**

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**EXCUSED**

Wadie Gravely

**UNEXCUSED**

None

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Rhonda Rangel  
Mireya Rivera  
Emma De Jesus

**GUESTS**

Mary Sanders, Community Liaison, 211 LA County  
Sonia Demessie, California Women's Commission on Addictions  
Pat Wilson  
Jenny Yoon  
Gail Ehrlich